Schemes in the rehabilitation measures for the effective implementation of the recent Notification dated 10th October, 2006.

Schools for child labourers

†1590. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a proposal to increase a number of schools for child labourers in the country is under consideration of Government;

(b) if so, the broad outlines of the said proposal; and

(c) the total number of child labourers these schools will have the capacity to admit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government proposes to expand the National Child Labour Projects (NCLP) Scheme during the Eleventh Five Year Plan. The objective is to increase the coverage in the country as also introduce new components into the existing programme. However, it is subject to the necessary approvals.

(c) Under the NCLP Scheme, the objective is to cover all the child labour in the endemic districts working in notified hazardous occupations/ processes.

Rajiv Gandhi Shramik Kalyan Yojana

1591. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the scheme to provide social security to unemployed workers by the ESIC under Rajiv Gandhi Shramik Kalyan Yojana in 2005, has failed miserably;

(b) if so, the main reasons therefor, togetherwith the amount sanctioned for the purpose and the amount utilized, till date; and

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(c) what steps are expected to be taken to improve the scheme and when the foreign assistance expected?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) and (b) No, Sir. From inception upto 31.10.2006, 1304 applications were received under Rajiv Gandhi Shramik Kalyan Yojana . Out of these, 757 cases have been admitted and payment of Rs. 93.13 lakhs has been made. Of the remaining, 140 applications are under process. Another 407 applicants were not found eligible. During the current financial year 2006-07, the ESI Corporation has made a budget provision of Rs..30 crore.

(c) The unemployment allowance under Rajiv Gandhi Shramik Kalyan Yojana is payable to the Insured Persons, losing their jobs due to retrenchment, closure of units and to Insured Persons having permanent invalidity of not less than 50% arising out of non employment injury. The expenditure under the scheme will depend upon the number of Insured Persons retrenched in the event of closure of units, retrenchment etc. No foreign assistance is required.

Educated un-employed in the Country

†1592. SHRI KESHUBHAI S. PATEL: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of educated unemployed in the country, as on 31st October, 2006, State-wise;

(b) the details of the schemes formulated by Government to provide employment to people, in view of the constant increase in the number of educated unemployed in the country; and

(c) the details of educated unemployed who are being provided employment by Government every year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) Total number of educated job seekers, all of whom may not necessarily be unemployed, on the live register of employment exchanges as on 31st December, 2003 were around 303 lakhs in the country. State-wise details are given in the enclosed Statement (*See* below).

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